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TAGS: CDES, SA (BIRGEL, CHRISTOPHER)
SUBJECT: DEATH CASE CHRISTOPHER BIRGEL

REF: STATE 011948

TO: MRS. BIRGEL
6614 CATINA STREET
NEW ORLEANS LA. 70124
TEL: 504-482-7710

1. A CONSULAR OFFICER TELEPHONED AL-KHOBAR OFFICE OF BROWN AND ROOT, WHICH STATED THAT DETAILS OF ACCIDENT ARE STILL SKETCHY AS IT OCCURRED IN SAFANIYA OFFSHORE OIL FIELD NEAR SAUDI-KUWAITI BORDER. NO TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS EXIST BETWEEN SAFANIYA AREA AND DHAHRAN OR AL-KHOBAR; THEREFORE ONLY THIRD-HAND ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT ARE AVAILABLE. WE WILL INFORM YOU WHEN WE CAN OBTAIN ACCURATE AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION.

2. CHRISTOPHER'S REMAINS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND ARE IN SAUDI GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL IN DAMMAM, SAUDI ARABIA. REMAINS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE US AS SOON AS PERMISSION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SAUDI POLICE. IT IS PROBABLE THAT POLICE APPROVAL WILL BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE NEXT

WEEK, ALTHOUGH PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT PROCESSING OF NECESSARY PAPERWORK MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TIME. AGAIN WE WILL INFORM YOU
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AS SOON AS DEFINITE PLANS CAN BE MADE.

3. BE ASSURED THAT YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO SEE THAT YOU RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA
BUSHNELL

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